

Water Transportation Advisory Board
July 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 2:00 pm on July 19, 2012, in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Conference Center room C106 in Frankfort, KY.

The Advisory Board members in attendance were: Greg Pritchett, Norb Whitlock, Nickie Smith, Steve Alley, Ken Canter, Keith Landry, and Ed Riney. Also in attendance were:

Jeremy Edgeworth, KYTC
Joe Crabtree, KTC
Pam Helton, KBT
Ken Beyer, Louisville District, USACE
Lori Kelsey, KIPDA

Lynn Soporowski, KYTC
Michael West, Office of Attorney General
Russell Casey, Economic Development
Greg Curlin, Hickman Riverport

The meeting was conducted by Greg Pritchett, Water Transportation Advisory Board Chair. The Chair asked for all those in attendance to introduce themselves. The Chair then opened up the floor for a public comment period. No public comments were offered.

The Chair then passed out the minutes of the May 17, 2012, meeting for review. **Steve Alley moved that the May 17, 2012, minutes are accepted as presented.** Second by Norb Whitlock. 7 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 abstaining.

The Chair then addressed new business. He asked Michael West with the Office of Attorney General to provide the attendees a presentation on ethics in administering Riverport Improvement grant funds. He summarized that it is up to each board member to decide for themselves if involvement in a situation is ethical and to enforce themselves. Mr. West advised that John Steffen, Executive Director of the Ethics Commission will try to be present at the next meeting to further clarify the issue.

The Chair then asked Jeremy Edgeworth with the Transportation Cabinet to give an update on the status of the funds appropriated for Riverport Improvement. Mr. Edgeworth stated that the Cabinet had received the general funds from the Revenue Cabinet, and that they were all allocated in the first quarter. He also stated that permission had been given to develop the guidance document and application and solicit the input of the Board. He also indicated that the Secretary's Office considered Mr. West's suggestion that the guidance be done in an administrative regulation, but the Secretary's Office determined since this was only a two year appropriation and not a permanent program that the administrative regulation was unnecessary. Mr. Edgeworth cautioned that since the funds are general fund, the governor can rescind any unspent funds at any time in order to balance the budget.

The board then began a roundtable discussion of the draft Riverport Improvement guidance document and draft Riverport Improvement application. Attendees went page by page through the document discussing points in the document and providing KYTC staff input as the guidance documents are finalized.

The date for the next meeting was not scheduled, waiting on the date the Board would need to meet to review and prioritize applications.

The meeting was then adjourned by the Chair at 4:05pm.

Submitted:
Jeremy Edgeworth
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